

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 9 and 18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A video camera apparatus including an image pickup device for capturing an image and a recording device for recording video data based on the image captured by the image pickup device on a recording medium, said apparatus comprising:

a first recording unit configured to (a) generate first reference type data, which refers to the video data recorded on the recording medium, concurrently with video data capturing by the image pickup device and (b) record the generated first reference type data on the recording medium as a file for reproducing the recorded video data;

an editing instruction unit configured to instruct to edit the video data recorded on the recording medium; and

an editing unit configured to generate second reference type data different from the first reference type data by editing the first reference type data recorded on the recording medium in accordance with the instruction by the editing instruction unit without editing the video data itself recorded on the recording medium, thereby providing an editing result corresponding to the editing of the video data instructed by the editing instruction unit; and

~~a second recording unit configured to (a) generate second reference type data, different from the first reference type data, such that the second reference type data describes the first reference type data as a reference target so as to refer to the video data instructed to be edited by the editing instruction unit, in response to an instruction by the editing instruction unit and (b) record the generated second reference type data generated by the editing unit on the recording~~

medium as a file for reproducing the video data subjected to editing instructed by the editing instruction unit.

2 - 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein an editing process instructed by the editing instruction unit is at least one of editing processes of division, combination, and partial deletion of the video data recorded on the recording medium.

7. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first reference type data includes (a) a first data structure which has a first time coordinate system and directly refers to the recorded video data recorded on the recording medium, and (b) a second data structure which has a second time coordinate system independent of the first time coordinate system and which indirectly refers to the video data recorded on the recording medium, by referring to the first data structure.

8. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the first reference type data is of QuickTime or an expansion format of QuickTime.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second reference type data is a play list describing a reproducing mode of data content including the video data recorded on ~~said~~ the recording medium.

10 - 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a reproducing unit configured to reproduce the video data recorded on the recording medium, wherein the reproducing unit is arranged to reproduce respective video data recorded on the recording medium, according to the first reference type data and the second reference type data.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A control method of a video camera apparatus for recording video data captured by an image pickup device on a recording medium, said method comprising:

a first recording step of (a) generating first reference type data which refers to the video data recorded on the recording medium, concurrently with video data capturing by the image pickup device and (b) recording the generated first reference type data on the recording medium as a file for reproducing the recorded video data;

an editing instruction step of instructing to edit the video data recorded on the recording medium; ~~and~~

an editing step of generating second reference type data different from the first reference type data by editing the first reference type data recorded on the recording medium in accordance with the instruction in the editing instruction step without editing the video data itself recorded on the recording medium, thereby providing an editing result corresponding to the editing of the video data instructed in the editing instruction step; and

a second recording step of (a) ~~generating second reference type data, different from the first reference type data, such that the second reference type data describes the first reference type data as a reference target so as to refer to the video data instructed to be edited in the editing instruction step, in response to an instruction provided in the editing instruction step and (b)~~ recording the ~~generated~~ second reference type data generated in the editing step on the recording medium as a file for reproducing the video data subjected to editing instructed in the editing instruction step.

19. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the second reference type data is of SMIL or an expansion format of SMIL.